

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

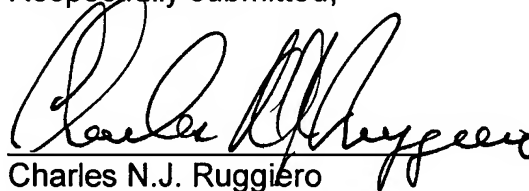
Claims 1 through 40 are pending in this application. Claims 18, 19 through 21, and 34 through 36 are withdrawn without prejudice.

The Office Action asserts that an election of a single species is required, as defined by species 1 of Figs. 1 through 4; species 2 of Fig. 5; species 3 of Fig. 6, species 4 of Fig. 7, or species 5 of Figs. 8 and 9, under PCT Rule 13.1. The Office Action asserts species 1 corresponds to claims 12, 16, and 17; species 2 corresponds to claims 7, 12, and 14 through 17; species 3 corresponds to claims 7, 18, and 34; species 4 corresponds to claims 12, 16, 17, 19, and 35; and species 5 corresponds to claims 20, 21, 35, and 36. Claims 1 through 6, 8 through 11, 13, 22 through 33, and 37 through 40 are deemed generic. Applicants elect to prosecute species 2 that correspond to claims 7, 12, and 14 through 17.

Consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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